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TO SPECULATE ON CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO LIFT THE ARMS EMBARGO

1. MOST PAPERS GIVE MODERATELY HEAVY PLAY IN EDITIONS OF
TUESDAY, SEPT. 30 TO THE UPCOMING HOUSE VOTE ON THE ARMS
EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY.

2. IN NEWS COVERAGE ON THE EMBARGO, GUNAYDIN REPORTED FROM
ANKARA THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING REACTIVATION
OF CERTAIN BASES IF THE EMBARGO IS LIFTED PARTIALLY,
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ALTHOUGH IT THINKS THAT BILATERAL TALKS ON TURKISH-AMERICAN

RELATIONS REMAIN ESSENTIAL. POLITICAL OBSERVERS IN ANKARA REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THEY EXPECT THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO BY THE U.S. CONGRESS, BUT THIS WILL NOT CONSTITUTE ENOUGH OF AN IMPROVEMENT TO SATISFY TURKEY.

3. IN DATELINED ARTICLE FROM NEW YORK
IN MILLIYET, SAMI KOHEN REPORTED AN ARTICLE BY TOM BRADEN IN THE WASHINGTON POST IN WHICH SECRETARY KISSINGER WAS QUOTED AS SAYING HE BELIEVED THE TURKS HAD ACTED ON CYPRUS AS THE RESULT OF EXTREME PROVOCATION. KOHEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT BOTH THE NEW YORK TIMES AND THE WASHINGTON POST HAD COME OUT IN FAVOR OF LIFTING THE ARMS EMBARGO.

4. AN UNSIGNED EDITORIAL IN MASS CIRCULATION HURRIYET ON THE SUBJECT OF THE EMBARGO WROTE: "ALL OF US ARE CONCERNED WITH THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE. THE DEBATE ON WHETHER OR NOT THE EMBARGO WILL BE LIFTED STILL CONTINUES. BUT, WE THINK THE QUESTION: 'WHAT WILL BE THE CHANGE IF THEY LIFT THE EMBARGO?' IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN LIFTING THE EMBARGO...HOWEVER, THE RESOLUTION, IF ADOPTED, WILL LEAVE THE DOOR AJAR FOR US TO PURCHASE ARMS FROM THE UNITED STATES WITH CASH.... IN OUR OPINION, THOUGH, THE RESOLUTION BROUGHT BEFORE THE HOUSE....IS NOT INTENDED TO END THE EMBARGO....IN SHORT, WE BELIEVE THE CONTINUATION OF THE EMBARGO OPENLY IS BETTER THAN THE NEW RESOLUTION. AT LEAST WE ARE LEARNING THAT WE CAN NOT RELY ON THE UNITED STATES."
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